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1. (Amended) A system comprising:

a memory including a plurality of memory banks;

a first agent <u>having a clock signal</u> adapted to access a first memory portion including a first number of said plurality of memory banks; and

a second agent <u>having a clock signal representation of said first</u> agent's clock signal adapted to access a second memory portion including a second number of said plurality of memory banks;

said first number and said second number being variable.

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7.\(Twice Amended) A system comprising:

a plarality of agents;

a shared memory block accessible by each of said plurality of agents, said shared memory block including a plurality of memory banks;

a register adapted to partition said shared memory block into a plurality of partitions each of said plurality of partitions being accessible by a unique group of said plurality of agents; and

said plurality of partitions each comprise a number of said plurality of memory banks;

wherein said plurality of agents have clock signal representations of a base clock signal.